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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION GENEVA AND SEOUL INFO USUN CANBERRA
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LONDON TOKYO BY SECSTATE 7 APRIL, RPTD TO YOU:

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN

SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION

REF: STATE 060890

1- ON INSTRUCTIONS ROK AMBASSADOR KIM DONG- JO CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DE PALMA APRIL 2 TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE REQUESTING US SUPPORT FOR ROK EFFORT TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION TO 27 TH WHA. KIM ARGUED THAT, WITH NORTH- SOUTH TALKS UNDERWAY, NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS BEYOND WHO ITSELF AND CONSTITUTE INTERVENTION IN KOREAN AFFAIRS.

2. DE PALMA TOLD AMBASSADOR US AGREES POSTPONEMENT IS MOST PROMISING WAY TO TRY TO AVOID NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN WHO, AND WILL SUPPORT ROK'S EFFORTS. HE SAID WE EXPECT SOUTH KOREANS TO TAKE THE LEAD, BUT WILL MAKE APPROACHES IN CAPITALS WHERE THIS PROMISES TO BE EFFECTIVE, AND ALSO AT WHA. DE PALMA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ROK WILL HOLD EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH US CONCERNING RESULTS OF SOUTH KOREAN APPROACHES, AND WHERE OUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO ROK CAMPAIGN. HE ADDED THAT WE EXPECT POSTPONEMENT WILL NOT BE EASILY SECURED, GIVEN RECENT RECOGNITIONS OF NORTH KOREA, HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF WHO, AND CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF ANOTHER " DIVIDED STATE," GDR, AT SAME WHA.

3. DE PALMA ASKED KIM WHAT ARGUMENTS FOR POSTPONEMENT ROK

WOULD USE IN ITS APPROACHES. US WOULD EXPECT TO ARGUE THAT AIRING SO DIVISIVE AN ISSUE AT WHA COULD PREJUDICE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS. WE WOULD ALSO REMIND MEMBERS THAT THREE SUCCESSIVE WHAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF GDR APPLICATION WHILE FRG- GDR TALKS WERE UNDERWAY, AND THAT GERMAN SITUATION ANALAGOUS TO KOREAN SITUATION. IN CERTAIN CASES, WE WOULD ALSO CONTENTEND
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THAT POLITICALLY DIVISIVE ISSUES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN MAJOR UN POLITICAL FORA, NOT IN TECHNICAL BODIES SUCH AS WHO. KIM REPLIED THAT ROK PLANNED USE SAME ARGUMENTS.

4. KIM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD INSTRUCT ALL ITS

MISSIONS TO SUPPORT ROK EFFORT ON POSTPONEMENT. DE PALMA REPLIED WE WOULD PROMPTLY INFORM OUR MISSIONS. AS WE EXPECTED ROK TO TAKE LEAD, HOWEVER, WE WOULD WAIT FOR ROKG TO INFORM US OF ITS OWN APPROACHES, AND INDICATE WHERE US APPROACHES MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL. KIM PROMISED THE ROKG WOULD STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US ON THIS MATTER.

5. FYI: AMONG FACTORS ENTERING INTO USG DECISION TO SUPPORT ROKG IN SEEKING POSTPONEMENT ARE:

A. POSTPONEMENT APPROACH, POSING A PROCEDURAL ISSUE, OFFERS BEST CHANCE OF MINIMIZING ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE AT WHA WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ROK AND NORTH KOREA, AND/ OR US, USSR AND PRC;

B. IF NORTH KOREA WERE TO ENTER WHO, THIS WOULD SHARPLY INCREASE DIFFICULTIES IN HANDLING KOREAN ITEM AT 28 TH UNGA; NORTH KOREA WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE GRANTED UN OBSERVER STATUS AND THUS PRESENCE IN NY; IT WOULD ENCOURAGE NORTH KOREA DRIVE FOR WIDER DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; AND SUCCESS IN THESE EFFORTS IS APT TO MAKE NORTH KOREA MORE INTRANSIGENT IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS;

C. WE DO NOT WISH TO IMPLY ANY SLACKENED USG INTEREST IN SUPPORTING LEGITIMATE ROKG INTERESTS OR OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, BY SUPPORTING ROK EFFORTS RATHER THAN LEADING THE CAMPAIGN, WE MAY REDUCE THE CHANCES OF CONFRONTATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. (A DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO SUPPORT THE ROKG WOULD OF COURSE HAVE SIGNALLED AN ABRUPT CHANGE IN US POLICY AND INTER ALIA UNDERMINED ROKG CONFIDENCE REGARDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN NORTH- SOUTH TALKS.)

D. CHANCES OF GAINING POSTPONEMENT AT THE WHA ARE AT LEAST EVEN, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE VOTE

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ESTIMATES.

E. OUR DECISION TO SUPPORT THE ROK INIATIVE FOR POST-PONEMENT ON NORTH KOREA' S WHO APPLICATION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT WE WILL SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN NEXT FALL' S UNGA. END FYI.

6. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE DRAW UPON PARAS 1-4 ABOVE IN

TALKS WITH ROK OFFICIALS.

7. INSTRUCTIONS TO SELECTED POSTS FOLLOW SHORTLY. ROGERS

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